

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LARRY COOPER on Sat., February 8 at 2PM at Oregon Community UMC. You are invited to come and pay your respects and to offer support to the family.

LUMINA KIDS' NIGHT at New Creation UMC on Farnum Street in Lancaster City. They teach a lesson; have games, activities & crafts; and offer a meal to the children. **January 27 at 7pm they need volunteers to provide a light meal for 20. If you can help cook and serve, please contact Pastor Jason or Cynthia Kelley, ASAP.**

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY is Feb 9th. Wear your favorite football jersey to church and **bring some canned soup to share with LUMINA** and our local food bank. Watch for more information on our **Chili Sale that day. We will be selling quarts and pints to take home** and reheat while you watch the game.

OREGON COMMUNITY UMC ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 8 AM meets in the OCUMC Fellowship Hall.

YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS, 5-7 PM at Faith UMC for 5th-12th graders. Each week there is dinner, games & a lesson. All students are invited to join us. **We will go to Gretna Glen Camp on Sun, Feb 16 (3:30-7pm). Volunteers are needed to carpool to the camp. Please see Pastor Jason if you are willing to help drive the youth and/or chaperone.** Youth group will not meet on the evening of Feb 9.

WINTER BLAST YOUTH RETREAT on Feb. 7-9 at Gretna Glen Camp. We will meet at 5:30PM at Faith UMC on Friday and be back here by 11:45AM on Sunday. Please contact Pastor Jason if you would like to attend. A Faith UMC Permission Slip is needed. **You will also need to register at:** <https://gretnaglen.org/event/23777954-2025-02-07-youth-winter-blast/> and complete all of the forms required by the camp. Cost for the weekend is \$130, but \$60 will be covered from Youth Fundraisers. **When registering, you should be able to mark that Faith UMC will cover \$60 and then pay the remaining \$70 online.**

GRIEFSHARE helps people process the loss of loved ones and to find support from peers. This is open to the church and community. **We will be starting a new round of classes after the New Year.**

BIBLE2SCHOOL is meeting at Faith UMC on Tues. for 3rd Grade & Weds. for 4th and 2nd Grade students from Reidenbaugh Elem. **Volunteers needed as Small Group Leaders—especially on Tuesday at 10:20AM**

THE CHURCH & SOCIETY TEAM engages in improving our community by standing up against injustice. **Next meeting: January 16 at 5:00 PM (3rd Thursdays). Join us by Zoom only at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82735304374?pwd=eDBSZHRCZVphSnh2TENDZ0xrdG0vQT09>. To learn more, contact Renee Norman. The **Criminal Justice & Bail Reform Team**, meets online at Noon every other Wed. (Feb 5&19): <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82483314676?pwd=K2ZtZGQ0LzBOeIVVXQwUk5LR2VFOT09>. Reimagine Justice Lancaster meets online at Noon on Tuesdays of the opposite weeks (Jan 28& Feb 11) at: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82819147194?pwd=BF8E8JopVvfExanCW0QPjJ7p9DcbDq.1>

POWER INTERFAITH: Justice Response Team Meeting. All are invited to join us TODAY (Jan. 26) 4-7pm at Church of the Apostles UCC, 1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA 17603. This is a gathering in which we will share our fears and our hopes, create action groups, and leave with a plan for next steps. Any person of faith or moral courage or any community organization that works to represent the needs of the poor and the marginalized is welcome to attend. **See Pastor Jason or Renee for details. Registration required at** <https://secure.everyaction.com/qrWMhZWnVE6m4ublJPEOdW2>.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM in Faith UMC Fellowship Hall.

THREADS OF FAITH: If you like to knit, sew, crochet or quilt, we would like to invite you to Threads of Faith! Join us from 10am - Noon the first Saturday of each month! Work on your projects while we chat and share talents in the Fellowship Hall at Faith UMC! **Our next gathering will be Sat., February 1.**

COMMUNITY MEAL: People in need may pick up a Grab 'n Go Meal at Zion Lutheran Church in East Petersburg every Monday. **Faith UMC provides sixty Grab 'n Go Meals quarterly.** Our dates for 2025 are: Feb. 3, Apr. 7, Jul 7, and Oct 27. *Contact Carol Kennedy at 717-560-0321 if you are interested in helping.*

Welcome to Oregon Community United Methodist Church



As Was His Custom

WHERE YOU ARE: EMBRACING THE FAMILIAR



Address: 1214 Creek Road, Lititz, PA 17543

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Pastor: The Rev. Jason Perkowski

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Mission of Oregon Community United Methodist Church:
“**Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of our community and the world.**”

SUNDAY WORSHIP in Sanctuary at 9:00 AM at Oregon Community UMC
BROADCAST ONLINE at 10:30 AM from Faith UMC on Facebook
& church websites under *Online Worship*.

OFFICE HOURS: Pastor Jason is generally available Mon-Thurs from about 9-3pm. He is spending time with family from Friday at Noon through Saturday. If there is an emergency, please leave a detailed message.



Oregon Community United Methodist Church

Liturgists: January 5 Bob Jolly; 12 Dot Lange; 19 Mike Shifflet; 26 Ralph Stone

January 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM – 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

BIRTHDAYS: January 9 Joetta Henry; 24 Shirley Gehr

WELCOME: We gather together to worship God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit! May the Spirit of God unite us and the church universal to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God (*Micah 6:8*). You are welcome in this sacred space no matter who you are; from where you have come; what experiences, struggles or gifts you bring; or the questions, doubts & beliefs you carry.

We are so glad you are here!

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Jason & God's People

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024

*HYMN

This Is the Day

UMH #657

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Ralph Stone

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH #600

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 19

Ralph Stone

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH #895

OUR OFFERINGS: OF PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Ralph Stone

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

*HYMN

Come, Ye Sinner, Poor and Needy

UMH #340

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:14-21

Ralph Stone

This is the Word of the Lord — Thanks be to God!

SERMON

As Was His Custom

Pastor Jason

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Pastor Jason

*HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH #454

** You are invited to stand in body or in Spirit*

PRAYER REQUESTS: Valerie Cooper, healing for vision in her eye; Nat (friend of Wikers), healing; Joanne (Jackie's sister), scleroderma and other significant health issues; Stone & Fritsch family, healing; Erin's father, healing from infection; Ally Lavery, foot surgery; Gary Sellard, chemotherapy; Bernadine's friend Betty, healing; Andrew, freedom from addictions; Vince Habel, heart & kidney problems; Shirley Baker and Cheryl Cooper for healing; Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi; DS Freymoyer & EPAUMC Staff; Laity and Clergy; unity & love in the church; Patty's ALS; Jane Hess, healing; Denny Armstrong, kidney failure; Frank & Charlene, health; Alfred Byrd, lungs; All those battling cancer; Kathy Muth, cellulitis; Jack Muth, brain cancer; Chuck Flory, ALS; Judy Brivchik, eyesight; **PRAISES:** Shifflet's friend Valerie with cancer that is now in remission; God's faithful love; ministry for 150 years at Oregon Community UMC. **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD:** People suffering from wildfires in CA; Violence between the GMC and the UMC in Nigeria; Wisdom & safety for all government officials; For a peaceful transfer of power at all levels of government; President-elect Donald Trump and VP-elect JD Vance; School shootings and threats; NarSarah Clinic in Sierra Leone; Udobo School in Durban, South Africa; Christ Home for Children; Blackfeet UMC Parish; The people of Israel, Palestine, the Middle East, Ukraine & Russia; Veterans & military service members; police & medical personnel; the sick & caregivers; victims of violence & racism; peace, wisdom & reconciliation; abused persons & abusers; all affected by disasters; refugees & immigrants; the hungry, homeless; incarcerated; design of new prison and its programs; all struggling with addictions or mental illness; schools; campus ministries; foster families; seniors; those grieving; etc.

IN NEED OF HELP? Contact Pastor Jason, dial 2-1-1 or visit www.211.org to reach the **United Way Call Center** for social services. The Crisis Intervention Lifeline is (717) 394-2631 or *dial 9-8-8*.

LONG MEMORIAL FRIDAY NIGHT FREE GROCERIES for those in need every week at 6pm.

COMMUNITY AID will donate \$.13 to Faith UMC for every pound of clothing, shoes, electronic, toys, & household goods (excluding furniture) donated at 31 Rohrerstown Road Mon-Sat, 9AM-6PM. *Tell staff to credit Non-profit partner #10221 - Faith UMC before they unload.* Write or tape partner number on bags/boxes.

MEDICINE BOTTLE COLLECTION: We send *small* prescription pill bottles to clinics in poor countries. *Please remove all labels and sticky residue.* A basket is on the table in the lobby at OCUMC—or at Faith UMC.

IMPACT! MISSIONS is a Christian Housing Ministry that helps create warm, safe, and dry homes to be sold to lower-income families and does repairs on homes for existing homeowners in financial distress. They need volunteers to restore these homes. **Contact Leon Bame for more info at 717-344-9924 or leonshe137@gmail.com.** **IMPACT MISSION LUNCH CREW needs volunteers on Thurs. 10AM-Noon to help make bagged lunches for volunteers** at Christ UMC. Contact Sue at sgrimm1028@gmail.com or 717-575-6414.

LEARN MORE ABOUT JUNIOR CHURCH & VBS: On Feb. 23 at 11:45AM at Faith UMC, there will be a meeting for anyone interested in volunteering for **Junior Church or VBS**. Please attend if you would like to hear about becoming a Junior Church leader during the 10:30AM service. Our leaders are on a rotation and can be scheduled flexibly. We will go over what a lesson looks like, how to prepare and answer questions you have. We will review the responsibilities are for our second adults and teen volunteers. **Attendance does not mean a commitment! We would love to have you!** We will also be discussing **this year's annual VBS, held in July**. We would love to hear your ideas about VBS and discuss what types of volunteers are needed. Light refreshments will be served.

SECRET SISTER 2025: Contact Jackie Black or pick up a form at the church to participate in 2025.

TOOLS FOR MINISTRY on Sat., Feb. 22, 2025 from 8AM-Noon at Salem UMC: 140 N. Penn St., Manheim. **Registration Fee: \$8.** DS Freymoyer will lead us in opening worship and a keynote address. There will be 19 training workshops to choose from including Alzheimers Care, Church Finances, Dealing with Church Crisis, Exploring a Call to Ministry, Partnering with Community Organizations, etc. Full descriptions and registration at: <https://member.gnjumc.org/default.aspx?page=3352&occurrenceId=716&profileId=1523>